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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/30/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 8-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seto et al (US 6,154,954).

As applied to claim 8, Seto et al disclose a component placement device comprising: an elongated transport device (e.g. 3, Fig. 2) that is configured to transport a substrate (T) in a transport direction parallel to the transport device, at least one component feeder (4, 5) that is located along a longitudinal side of the transport device; at least one component pick-and-place unit (9, 10) that is configured to: (a) pick-up a component from the at least one component feeder (4); and (b) place the component on the substrate (T); and a substrate support that is situated along a longitudinal side of the transport device and that faces away from the at least one component feeder (see. Fig. 2).

As applied to claim 9, Seto et al disclose wherein the substrate support is detachably connected to the component placement device (see Fig. 2).

As applied to claim 10, Seto the substrate support comprises drive means configured to transport the substrate (T) in a feeding direction that extends transverse to the transport direction.

As applied to claim 11, Seto et al disclose the transport device comprises at least one guide profile (23) that extends parallel to the transport direction, wherein the at least one guide profile is connected to the substrate support, and wherein the at least one guide profile is configured to be moved together with the substrate support in a direction that extends transverse to the transport direction (X, Y, stages 7, 8).

As applied to claim 12, Seto et al disclose the substrate support comprises two guides (23, 23) that extend parallel to each other and transverse to the transport direction.

As applied to claim 13, Seto et al disclose the substrate support comprises two guides that extend parallel to each other and transverse to the transport direction (X, Y, stage 7, 8).

As applied to claim 14, Seto et al disclose wherein a distance between the guides is adjustable (see Fig. 2).

As applied to claim 15, Seto et al disclose wherein a distance between the guides is adjustable as read the ball screw (25).

As applied to claims 16-18, Seto et al disclose the substrate support is configured to be moved vertically from a position parallel to the transport device to a position underneath the transport device (see column 12, lines 51-65).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai Van Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4567. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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